

SB 5064 - DIGEST

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Requires the Washington state health care authority, in collaboration with the advisory board, to develop and implement a strategy for the adoption and use of electronic medical records and health information systems that are consistent with emerging national standards and promote interoperability of health information systems.

Declares that the strategy should be designed to promote greater adoption of electronic medical record information systems among the state's health care providers, improve the quality of care, reduce medical errors, and enable patients to make better decisions about their own health care.

Requires the authority, in collaboration with the advisory board, to submit an interim status report on its preliminary findings by December 1, 2005. A final report of findings and recommendations shall be submitted by December 1, 2006.